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Marginal Column

By Kenneth Harris

FRANK Costello, "Prime Minister of America's Underworld," and the Senate Crime Investigating Committee's star turn, came to New York from Italy in 1931 at the age of two. He was charged with robbery and assault in 1933 and again in 1935, but they didn't manage to get him into jail until 1935, and then only on a charge of being in illegal possession of a firearm. Like all the great gangsters—except the killers like Dillinger—he made his fame and fortune in prohibition days. He worked round and whisky across the Canadian border and through several of his pals got shot or gaoled. Mr. Costello always got away with it. Prohibition ended in 1933, and Costello put some of his money into "real estate"—he owns a block or two in Wall Street—and a good deal more into "slot machines."

DURING this period Costello decided to "legitimate" his activities as far as possible. In 1936 he and Huey Long, Governor of Louisiana, discussed making slot machines legal in the state of Louisiana and devoting some of the profits to Long's poor relief schemes. At the same time he abandoned the old idea of bribing legal officials to get immunity from the police and substituted for it the new idea of getting his own nominees elected into local government. Costello became really "big-time" in 1943. There was a vacancy for one of the nine justiceships of the Supreme Court, America's high seat of justice. The Democratic Party urged the President to appoint a man called Thomas Aurelio, and he did. After the award, police listening to Costello's talks with gamblers and crooks on his tapped telephone, heard him being thanked effusively by Aurelio for having pulled strings with the Democratic Party. The net has been closing steadily around Costello. Now, he has made several statements on oath which look like being disavowed.

WHEN America's Defence Production Act was passed last September, says William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, Congress "larded it with special privileges for business interests." He means, chiefly, the provision preventing the President from imposing price controls unless he also imposes corresponding wage controls. By this and other measures, he says, a "reactionary Congress" has ensured that the "whole defence programme is heading for the rocks." Organized labour will launch a campaign to get the Defence Production Act radically altered when it comes up for renewal in June this year. The cost of living in America, says organized labour, is ultimately the key to whether the Western world shall be rearm.

WE hear a lot about American "might" these days, but we don't really grasp what this means until we come across something like the figure in the annual report of the U.S. Steel Corporation. In 1939 America produced about 33 million tons of steel a year. In 1944, at the peak of war production, she was producing at the rate of about 68 million tons. Now she is producing at the rate of 100 million tons, and by Christmas, 1952, should be producing 120. Russia and her satellites in 1952 could not have produced more than about 32 million tons. No wonder those who have thought about it say that as far as physical power goes, we are living now in a two-Power but in a one-Power world.

I READ that the average weekly pay of U.S. Steel's 280,000 workers is \$76.30 and that they average 37.8 hours' work. Though wages have only doubled since 1939, what the firm pays out in holiday, overtime, pension and insurance has gone up eightfold. The actual cost of an hour's work, therefore, is three times what it was ten years ago. The management say they hope unions will take this into account when they complain that wages are lagging behind prices. It's queer that the unions will take more interest in the balance sheet, which shows that with all expenses, taxes and depreciation paid for, the corporation distributed over a million dollars in dividends and that had another hundred million to put back into the business.

Washington, March 23

2 U.K. Frigates Off South Iran Oil Installations

TEHERAN, Wednesday. — Two British frigates lay off the strike-bound oil fields of the Anglo-Iranian Company in southwest Iran today. The ships are the *Flamingo* and *Wild Goose*, each of 1,470 tons.

The Admiralty in London declared that no particular significance should be attached to the presence of these two units at Abadan, since their itinerary had no connection with the outbreak of strikes in the oil fields and installations owned by the Anglo-Iranian Company.

Textile workers at Isfahan went out on strike today as a token of solidarity with the strikers at the southern oil fields. Official circles attribute the extension of the

TEHERAN, Wednesday (UP). — A government official announced tonight that the oil field strikes have ended. There were no further details.

strike movement to resumed activities of the outlawed pro-Communist Tudeh Party. The Council of Ministers met last night to discuss the strike situation.

Eight members of the extremist Fajayan Islam movement were arrested in Tehran today for plotting to kill Premier Hussein Ala.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said there was no intention of evacuating British families from the refineries and installations where strikes are in progress.

He said that the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, had been assured by Hussein Ala that Persian troops had been posted at all likely trouble spots.

It was understood that following his call on the Persian Premier, Sir Francis had reported to the Foreign Office that calm prevailed throughout the country. (Reuters, U.P., A.F.P.)

Marshall Statement 'Last Word' on Korea

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday (UP). — Defence Secretary George C. Marshall's indication yesterday that General MacArthur does not have blanket authority to sweep on to the Manchurian border is interpreted at the U.N. as the final word on the military aspect of the current situation in Korea. As boss of the Pentagon, General Marshall is entrusted by a U.N. resolution with military conduct of the Korean war.

The U.S. Defence Secretary told a press conference that General MacArthur has all the authority to go as far beyond the 38th Parallel in Korea as is necessary for military security, but strongly indicated that this did not include a general advance to the Manchurian border. He said that no geographical boundary had been set for MacArthur's advance, but that the Yalu River line would be "too far."

Nations Meet

This was the first official clarification of how far MacArthur's U.N. forces may go without new directives from the Allies. Earlier statements by President Truman and Mr. Acheson said merely that MacArthur may cross the Parallel any time he wants to.

Representatives of the 14 nations with forces in Korea met yesterday in another attempt to reach agreement on their war objectives now that they have again attained their original goal of driving out the Communist aggressors from South Korea.

Auriol, Schuman Arrive in U.S.

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuters). — The President of France, M. Vincent Auriol, declared on arrival in New York today that his country was "resolutely determined" to resist any possible aggression.

The President said that he would most probably exchange "general views" with President Truman on the world situation but that any political details would be left for discussion between M. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, and Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State.

M. Schuman said that his impression was that the Soviet Union was anxious to hold the conference of the Foreign Ministers and that the three other powers were equally eager.

Knesset Passes 6-Month Budget

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

The Knesset after a 14-hour session yesterday gave the outgoing government funds with which to carry on ordinary services and development projects until October 1, by which time it is hoped that the new Knesset will be elected in July will have passed annual estimates.

The final vote on the budget law was 90 to 23. The Orthodox Bloc, whose defection from the coalition in February caused the fall of the Government, took the line yesterday except on the appropriation for education and in the voting on some income tax reform measures. They did not take part in the vote on the education budget to demonstrate their disapproval of the Government policy in that regard.

The ordinary estimates of IL43,430,000 were passed by 47 votes to 24, the division being clear between the coalition and the opposition, except that Mr. M.D. Levinstein (Orthodox) abstained. Mapam, except for Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda, joined the coalition in supporting the IL35,000,000 development budget which passed by 80 votes to one. The lone Communist present voted against it and the rest of the Opposition abstained.

The two outstanding features were:

1. From the point of view of the individual rate-payer, the Income Tax Law was amended to increase children's free allowances by IL25. Deductions are now IL100 for the first child, IL125 for the second, IL150 for the third and IL175 for each additional child.
2. From the point of view of state economy, the security appropriation was increased to IL12,500,000 which is equivalent to IL25,000,000 for the year. This was a vital step in the campaign to check inflation as it will enable the government to balance the entire security budget with internal revenue.

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Chinese Resist Only in West

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuters). — Chinese troops battled stubbornly to slow the U.N. advance north of Uijongbu on the western front today, but the general lull of the past four days continued over the rest of the war zone.

Stiff fighting northeast of the town continued undiminished throughout the day. By nightfall, American troops who stormed the Chinese positions repeatedly had not shifted the Communists.

In hand-to-hand fighting Americans used white phosphorus grenades in an attempt to dislodge a Chinese force estimated to be of regimental strength which effectively blocked the U.N. northward advance on the western front. Allied aircraft pounded the roads and Communist supply points to the rear of the Chinese forces in an endeavour to isolate the defenders.

On the central front Communist troops were again reported to be digging into defence positions straddling the mountain ridges along the 38th Parallel.

General MacArthur's communique today announced that the Communists were still trying to distribute armour to the battle area despite the heavy losses from Allied attacks.

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New Soviet Proposal At Big 4 Meeting

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Soviet Union submitted new proposals about the disarmament of the Big Four and the causes of international tension at today's Deputies' meeting, according to Soviet sources.

The Deputies were meeting today for the 10th time to work out an agenda for a foreign ministers conference. A Soviet spokesman said his delegation had submitted a draft of the third item of its agenda. The new version reads:

"Examination of the causes of the present international tensions in Europe and of the United States and the United Kingdom to secure a real and lasting improvement in the relations between the Soviet Union, the U.S. Britain and France. Included the following questions:

The demilitarisation of Germany.

The reduction of the armed forces of the Big Four and in connection with this the discussion of the existing level of armaments and the question of the establishment of international control over the implementation of the reduction of the armed forces.

Other measures for the elimination of the threat of and the fear of aggression.

Fulfillment of the great treaty obligations and agreements of the four powers.

PCC Finds Both Sides Ready To Aid Refugees

Both Israel and the Arab States have agreed to cooperate with the Palestine Conciliation Commission and its refugee office in the implementation of recent U.N. resolutions, especially those regarding Palestine refugees, the P.C.C. reported in its Ninth Progress Report to the Secretary-General of the U.N. which was made public in Jerusalem yesterday evening.

The report covered the period of January 23 through March 10.

The Arab representatives reaffirmed the prime importance which they attach to the question of the Arab refugees, and declared their readiness to examine any plans which will be submitted to them in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the last session of the U.N. General Assembly, the Commission reported.

The report stated that the P.C.C.'s activities since its return from the U.N. Headquarters to the Middle East have been based on the General Assembly Resolution of December 14, 1950, which instructed the Commission to set up an Office that, under the direction of the P.C.C., is to "make the arrangements for the assessment and payment of compensation to Arab refugees, work out such arrangements as may be practical for the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly Resolution 194 (III), and continue negotiations towards the safeguarding the rights, property and interests of the refugees."

Paragraph 11 of Resolution 194 (III), passed on December 11, 1948, provides that all refugees who wish to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours should be allowed to do so at the earliest practicable date.

Practical Work

The Commission, it was stated, believed that the resolution of December 14, 1950 marked a new stage in its work, one in which action toward the implementation of practical liquidation of the refugee problem.

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MP's Meet President After Old City Tour

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The eight British M.P.s who are on a week's visit to Israel crossed the lines to visit the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem today.

They returned for lunch at the King David Hotel. The party, accompanied by Sir Simon and Lady Marks; Mr. Moshe Rosette, Secretary of the Knesset, and an official of the Foreign Ministry, were later received by President Weizmann at Rehovot.

The visitors spent the night at the Sharon Hotel at Herzlia. There was no official function tonight.

The Labour members of the delegation were the guests of the Histradut at dinner here tonight.

Tomorrow, the M.P.s will drive to Beersheba where they will have lunch with the Military Governor, Michael Hagenberg. On the way, they are due to visit a citrus packing house at Rehovot. In the afternoon, Mayor I. Rokach, of Tel Aviv, will give a reception in their honour, and later they will be the guests of the Foreign Minister and Mrs. Sharrett.

Development Revenue

Income for ordinary budget was estimated as follows: income tax (including absorption tax), IL13,000,000; customs, IL3,000,000; fuel, IL2,500,000; tobacco excise, IL4,000,000; drinks, IL2,500,000; miscellaneous excise, IL50,000; luxury tax, IL5,000,000; urban property tax, IL9,000,000; rural property tax, IL1,000,000; revenue stamps, IL700,000; local tax, IL200,000; land registry, IL1,000,000; other services, IL700,000; collections from loans and government property, IL900,000; land betterment tax, IL500,000; inheritance tax, IL300,000; miscellaneous, IL400,000.

Appropriations were as follows: President's office, IL14,000; Knesset, IL170,000; Cabinet, IL15,000; Prime Minister's office, IL2,000,000; Finance Ministry, IL900,000; Security, IL12,500,000; Health, IL1,000,000; Education, IL2,500,000; Agriculture, IL1,500,000; War and Defence, IL3,700,000; Trade and Industry, IL3,000,000; Police, IL1,500,000; Justice, IL3,500,000; Social Welfare, IL1,100,000; Labour, IL1,400,000; Immigration, IL1,500,000; Interior, IL1,500,000; grants to local authorities, IL1,500,000; Communications, IL1,500,000; Rehabilitation of Servicemen, IL1,500,000; Payments of loans and interest, IL1,500,000; General Reserve, IL200,000; supplementary appropriations, IL4,500,000.

There were several items included in the ordinary budget: IL2,000,000 subsidies on essential goods out of surpluses by the Food Division of the Agriculture Ministry; IL300,000 pensions to Mandatory officials with collections from Great Britain; IL1,500,000 War Risk Insurance Fund; IL2,000,000 Development Authority; IL4,000,000 Communications excise.

Arab War Stand Poses Problem

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — "The exact nature of Mr. McGhee's discussions is not known, but even the brief duration of his visit should be sufficient for him to gain insight into one of Israel's principal fears at the present time. This is that the Arab states will not only remain neutral in the event of world war, but will also prevent the Israelis from fighting," the Tel Aviv correspondent of the "N.Y. Times" reports today.

It is believed that the Soviet representatives in the Arab countries have been sounding the various governments about their neutrality in case of war, the correspondent stated. The general belief here is that only Israel and Turkey would fight Soviet aggression, the report said. In view of this Israeli fear to understand U.S. reluctance to go as far as Israel would wish in preparing her to withstand aggression in this area,

Israel-Arab Tension Eases, McGhee Says

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. George McGhee, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, told a news conference at the U.S. Embassy here today that he had observed a lessening of tension between Israel and the Arab states since his last visit to Israel in the early summer of 1948.

"I am confident for the future," he added.

Mr. McGhee left Israel at 8 o'clock tonight via Mandelbaum Gate, and his next stop will be Cairo. He was accompanied to Mandelbaum Gate by Dr. A. Biran, the Jerusalem District Representative. Last night he dined with the Foreign Minister and Mrs. Sharrett and spent the night at the residence of Ambassador Moussetti, R. Davis at Tel Aviv.

Mr. McGhee spent the morning at the American Embassy and visited Givat Brenner, the "Onim" children's home and the "Meshi Sacks" silk factory at Ramat Gan prior to returning to Jerusalem in the afternoon.

Mr. Davis accompanied Mr. McGhee on his tour and was also present at the news conference.

Old Friend

The American statesman said he had been pleased to have had an opportunity of meeting President Weizmann, Prime Minister Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Sharrett and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

"It was a particular pleasure to renew my friendship with Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry. We were college-mates at Oxford in the mid-1920's," he explained.

The countries of this region know well what is going on between the two conceptions now splitting the world and they are well aware that there can be no neutrality in case of aggression, Mr. McGhee said in reply to a question.

He said that the question of peace between Israel and the Arab states had "not specifically" been discussed during his talks with Middle East statesmen.

Satisfactory Visit

Mr. McGhee said he had had a "very satisfactory" series of visits in Middle East countries where he had had "frank and friendly talks with their leaders." He cautioned, however, that there was "no occasion for one to be complacent while grave problems persist such as that of the refugees and the failure to attain a peace settlement."

He was impressed by Israel's remarkable achievements. "Of the spirit, vigour and self-education of the people of modern Israel there is no question," he said. "The people of Israel well know, they do, however, face many and complex problems."

A problem common among all the free nations of the world is to release the creative impulses of men everywhere — to enable them to plant the fields and build the industries which will give all men the minimum of a decent standard of living. And basic to the success of this endeavour is an atmosphere of peace and mutual confidence among nations.

"We in America are striving in many parts of the world to create this atmosphere. We hope that the people of Israel will do all they can to promote it in this part of the world. For today it matters little how well one builds within one's own country if relations with the neighbours are not strong, friendly and secure."

This policy seems to please neither the Arabs, who contend that the State Department is pro-Israel, nor Israel, which maintains that Washington will be caught fiddling while the Middle East burns, the correspondent concluded.

HEALTH IMPROVED IN ARAB REFUGEE CAMPS

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — A report from Dr. Jerome Paterson, Chief Medical Officer in the Palestine Arab refugee camps, states that definite progress has been made in improving the health, sanitation and housing of the refugees.

A comparison of the refugee children in Jordan with Jordanian children, revealed that the refugees weighed, on the average, nearly 500 grams more than the non-refugees, while in the Gaza strip this situation was reversed, the report said.

Huleh Worker Dies of Wounds

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — Hanania Almaali, 21, a labourer, died this afternoon at 4.30 at the Schweitzer Hospital here from wounds inflicted by Syrian bullets fired yesterday in the Huleh area. Today, Syrians again opened fire when Israel tractor drivers resumed work on the Bnot Ya'acov bridge and the lake. Firing began some time before two o'clock and lasted an hour and a half. The fire was returned and as the result of the exchange which continued for some time, the Syrians were silenced. One of the tractors was hit, but work continued until it began to rain.

Food Controller in North Killed

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Mr. Z. Givoli, Food Controller for the Northern Area, was killed in a road crash at 5.30 this afternoon on the Nazareth-Haifa Road near Kibutz Ghegati.

Mr. Givoli's private car collided with a truck coming from the opposite direction. Both drivers were detained.

Mr. Givoli, who was one of the first members of Elin Harod, leaves two children.

T.A. Labour Officials Hurt in Crash

HADERA, Wednesday. — Mr. Eliezer Shechter, Secretary of the Tel Aviv Labour Council, and Mr. A. Idess, Secretary of the Port Workers, were seriously injured in a motor accident several kilometres north of here this afternoon.

The driver of their Haifa-bound taxi, Mr. Z. Press, was also seriously injured. All three were taken to the Beilinson hospital in Petah Tikva.

The taxi is believed to have struck the rear end of a north-bound truck. The cause of the accident is not yet known.

Tough Tractor Drivers Go On With Work Despite Attacks

By S. Shapiro, Our Military Correspondent

ROSH PINA, Wednesday. — It is the same story every day: a bulldozer advances from Hulata to the demilitarized zone in order to prepare the way for the dredger to reach the Jordan and start deepening the river's bed. Shots are fired from Syrian military positions on the barren hillside a few hundred metres away. It looks like a small fortress in the wilderness. The relations with the Israelis are too cordial. In fact, there are no relations at all as the Israeli members of the M.A.C. refuse to discuss any matter as long as shooting continues.

The advice U.N. Observers gave in the past was to "stop working in order to prevent bloodshed." That sounded strangely reminiscent of what British policemen used to tell pump. Looking over Lake Huleh from a hillside one cannot fail to notice a large swamp just south of the Lake. It is this swamp, among others, that the Huleh drainage scheme intends to eliminate.

The Hulata and Hagovrim tractor drivers have been tough as nails. Their tractors have been fired at four times, a man has been fatally wounded and two machines damaged; yet they insist again and again, on trying any machine they can lay their hands on.

U.N. Observers

Bulldozers and tractors from various settlements have been brought to the area to replace the damaged ones.

The U.N. Observers in this area are mainly French and Belgians. They live in the Syrian Customs House, a short way up the Damascus Road.

The explanation might be simple: Jewish tractors are working 200 metres below the Arabs.

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Crime Probe Over Television

Puts Its Stamp on U.S. Life

By Kenneth Harris
Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 22, 1951.
Twenty and thirty million "televiseurs" have been following the hearings of the Senate crime investigating committee since it began to question New York politicians and gangsters to see what links there are between them.

In New York, schools have been shutting early so that the children can get home and find out how they are being governed, and public libraries have had their giant sets turned on all day. Some cinemas have switched films off and television on New York stores have been complaining that the people are not shopping because they won't leave their television sets.

There have been some most interesting revelations so far. All the agencies which relay information illegally about horse-racing throughout the U.S. are owned by a young law student at Miami University, America's two great crime syndicates, Capone in Chicago and Costello in New York, are really controlled by "Lucky" Luciano who was deported to Italy for dope peddling in 1936. There is a great tie-up between the gangsters and some of the political machines, notably between Frank Costello and Tammany Hall (the Democratic Party headquarters in New York City).

But perhaps the most striking thing that has happened, according to Mr. Hoover, the expert on television figures, is that average listening at 9.30 a.m. up from 1.5 per cent of sets of 26.5 - is the summing before the committee of the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. William O'Dwyer, former Mayor of New York.

Mr. O'Dwyer is a tall, broad-shouldered, handsome and vigorous man who, at 61, would pass for 45. Born in Bohemia, County Mayo, Ireland, he came to New York as a child and like his father became a policeman. In his spare time he studied law and took a degree at a New York college, and also one from the University of Salamanca, Spain. In 1940 he became District Attorney in one of New York's five districts, went into the army in 1942, and in November 1945 was elected Mayor. He resigned last autumn to become Ambassador to Mexico.

Why is he up before the crime investigating committee, in company with people like Costello and Joe Adonis, another notorious figure? Generally speaking, because the committee want any kind of evidence they can get, provided it is true, to clear up this business of the underworld influencing local government.

In particular they want to know why Mr. O'Dwyer, when he was District Attorney, did not clear up the succession of murders committed by the organization known as "Murder Incorporated" between 1930 and 1942. His answer is that every body knew they were done by Al Capone, but that they couldn't catch him. In that case, say the committee, why didn't Mr. O'Dwyer clean up the racket, blackmailing, protection, the Brooklyn waterfront, which was Anastasia's empire and source of power? Because, he answers, the police were too busy trying to clear up the murders and catch Anastasia, and in 1942 he went off to the army.

The committee want to be certain that Mr. O'Dwyer did not sidestep the whole business because he knew Costello would make trouble for him. Mr. O'Dwyer admits that the job of Mayor made it necessary for him to compromise with the various underworld pressures of the city. He did the best he could in a bad situation, he has said repeatedly when the committee asked why he didn't do this or why he didn't do that. As a matter of fact, to do him justice, Mr. O'Dwyer probably does not know quite how much of all this is a quest for good government and how much is being done for political reasons. This is where television is ultimately bound to have a tremendous effect. Seeing how the men in person brings home the issues in a human and dramatic way, it stimulates the public to demand deeper judgments than they have from the news headlines. People are being led into governmental problems through their entertainment value, but the main thing is that they are being led into them at all.

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Dr. P.G. Yovanovitch, District Sales Manager of T.W.A., has been transferred and will leave Israel today. He will be succeeded by Mr. E.W. Frankfurter.

A solemn Mass will be held for the French Consul in Haifa, St. Elias Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday in accordance with custom. The Greek Catholic Archbishop, Mr. George Hakim, will deliver the sermon in French and the Consul will address the congregation.

Rabbi J.L. Maimon, the Minister for Religious Affairs, will speak on his recent visit to the U.S. at 8 o'clock this evening at the Bilu School in Tel Aviv.

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Samuel will deliver a lecture on "The Limitations of a Politician" under the auspices of the President and Rector of the Hebrew University at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning at the lecture hall in Raitshonne, Jerusalem. A reception for Viscount and Lady Samuel will be held at the Hebrew University at 10.30 on the same morning.

Mr. David Cataviva will lecture on "Andre Gide" at the French Culture Centre at 3 Rehav Ben Yehuda in Jerusalem at 8.30 on Monday evening. Mr. Rene Naveille, the French Consul-General in Jerusalem, will be in the chair. The public is invited.

Mrs. Emilia Popelish-Nordland, the noted Swedish author and religious historian, will lecture in English on "An English Parallel to Shabbat" at 8 p.m. tonight at Terra Sancta College under the auspices of the Hebrew University. The public is invited.

Mr. Z. Nathanson, President of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the Haifa Maritime Club at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow. Guests are asked to register by phoning 2951.

The Albert Marquet (1875-1947) exhibition is to be opened on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Bessie Museum in Jerusalem. Mr. Charles Berglin, a friend of the artist, will be in the chair. The exhibition is retrospective and includes 50 oil paintings and about as many watercolours and drawings. Mrs. Marquet, widow of the artist, will be present at the opening.

The opening session of the first Numismatic Convention in Israel will take place on Friday, March 23, at 3.30 p.m. sharp, at the Haifa Municipal Museum. Mr. Haim Shukri St. Perans will be in the chair. Tickets are available at the Museum from 1.30 p.m.

ESTERN - To Zaida (nee Shulik), wife of Mr. S. Ekstein, on March 27, 1951 - a son.

Jerusalem Cinemas
At 3.30 & 8.30 p.m.
EDEN: Gone with the Wind (3 & 7.30 p.m.).
EDISON: Africa Screams.
SEADAR: Slave Girl (8.30 & 1.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: The Kid from Brooklyn.

The Hebrew National OPERA
TEL AVIV: Nabucco
Tuesday, 24, at 8 p.m.
HAIFA: Armin
Wednesday, 24, at 8 p.m.
Rigoletto
Last appearance of S. JANKOVIC of the Belgrade Opera in the role of "Rigoletto".
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PETAN TIEVA: Nabucco
Thursday, 25, at 8.30 p.m.
Barber of Seville
with S. JANKOVIC in the role of "Figaro".
Conductor: G. SINGER

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Flower Show For Jerusalem

A flower exhibition will be opened by the Ministry of Agriculture "at the Artists' House in Jerusalem at five o'clock on Monday. The exhibit will be on view from Sunday through Thursday, and will include six sections: cultivated flowers, blossoms of trees and shrubs, flowers grown in the home, wild flowers, blossoms from gardens and artistic flower arrangements.

A collection of vases produced in the country will also be shown. At least 500 exhibits are expected. The exhibition is being arranged in the hope that the display will encourage Jerusalemites to improve their gardens now that a regular water supply is assured.

Persons interested in showing flowers have been asked to send their exhibits to Hakira before 10 o'clock on Sunday morning or to the Artists' House on the same afternoon. Ten specimens of each species, with the longest stems possible, should be sent, except in the case of flowers which are in bud. 20 blossoms should be sent. Prizes and Government certificates will be awarded for the best exhibits.

Pot plants will be accepted at the Artists' House on Sunday until 10 a.m. The exhibition will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Special visits for schoolchildren will be arranged.

Pupils Send Israel's Wild Flowers Abroad
Israel school children throughout the country are picking and preserving wild flowers, and pasting them on special postcards.

The cards, when completed, will be sent to students in Jewish schools and members of youth movements abroad as part of a project being sponsored this month by the Keren Hayesod Youth Department in commemoration of Independence Day.

The project, which was begun last week, is to be carried out each year in the month of Adar. This year, the Department hopes to send at least 100,000 such postcards.

A representative of the Department told youth delegates from abroad in Jerusalem recently that 100 prizes of books and illustrations would be awarded to those who produce the most attractive flower cards, and that the first 50 who produce 50 postcards each would be taken on a trip to new settlements in the Negev.

Electric lights have now been installed in all houses and but in the Jaffa ma'abar, which houses people evacuated from dangerous buildings in the old city.

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10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R) 10.30 Opera (R), 11.00 Concert (R), 11.30 Music by Bartok; Sonata for Violin and Piano; Sonata for two Pianos and Percussion; 11.45 Military Bands (R), 12.00 Program for Hospitals (R), 1.00 Soldiers' Programme, 1.45 Housewife's Hour, 2.15 Close Down.

1.00 p.m. Programme for Youngsters 1.30 Senta, 1.50 Musical Minutes (R), 2.15 Clarinet Recital, 2.45 Close Down, 3.15 Where to Go (Jerusalem), 3.45 Violin Recital: Senta Parnes (Tel Aviv), 4.15 Geography: The News, 4.15 Language Corner, 4.30 Children's Hour, 7.00 From Worker to Worker Talk, 7.45 Bible Reading, 8.00 Soldiers' Programme, 8.30 Commentaries, 8.45 "The Knesset and Its Committees", 9.00 Close Down.

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LIGHT BLUES WIN RE-ROWED RACE

Cambridge University easily won the re-rowed historic Inter-Varsity race on Monday, leaving their rivals, Oxford University, over 12 lengths behind at the end of the 4 1/2 mile course from Mortlake to Putney.

The 97th Oxford-Cambridge boat race, originally scheduled for Saturday, was started on time but the Oxford boat sank in the first three minutes before the first mile post was reached, and was called off. The "Dark Blues" boat was waterlogged from the start on the flood-swollen Thames, while Cambridge had pulled away to a long lead.

Unprecedented
The order to stop the race was unprecedented. Cambridge won after Oxford sank in 1925 and Oxford did likewise when Cambridge was waterlogged and quit in 1889. The umpire, the Rev. G. R. Ellison, a Church of England Bishop who once rowed for Oxford, explained that, after the last sinking in 1925, the Universities had agreed that if either crew met with an accident in the first mile, the race would be called off and re-rowed.

The losing Oxford crew had an American coxswain for the first time in the race's history - George Carver, of Highstown, New Jersey, who formerly was a cox at Yale. The high precision Cambridge's win qualified them for an expense-paid trip to the U.S. to row against Harvard, Yale, and several other American Universities. Monday's win gave Cambridge 53 victories as against Oxford's 43, with one race dead-heated.

American Colt Beaten At Kempton
North Carolina, a handsome three-year-old colt, owned by Mrs. J.F.C. Bryce, of New York, was beaten three lengths by Lord Rosebery's Benbow in the one mile Coventry Foal Stakes at Kempton Park (England) earlier this week.

North Carolina, considered a likely outsider for the famous 2,000 Guineas classic, was making its first test as a 2-year-old. It raced twice last year, finishing second and out of the money.

Bryce also owns Big Dipper, a promising favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and the Epsom Derby. Benbow paid 3 to 1, while North Carolina started second favourite to unplaced Dars at 2 to 1.

SPORT ROUND THE WORLD
Horbert Klein, German swimmer star from Munich, set a new unofficial world record last Sunday for the 800 m. breast-stroke, timing 5 mins. 30.2 secs. The present record, recognized by the International Swimming Federation, is 5:40.2, set by the Dutch swimmer, Pont.

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Monday's English Soccer Results

Division I
Bolton W. 2, Burnley 0
Derby C. 2, Manchester U. 0
Everton 0, Sheffield W. 0
Preston N.E. 3, Notts C. 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
Tottenham 0, Huddersfield 0
Wolves 2, Aston V. 0

Division II
Barnsley 2, Blackburn 0
Birmingham 1, Derby C. 0
Cardiff 2, Bristol R. 0
Leeds U. 0, Hull C. 0
Manchester C. 0, Notts C. 0
Preston N.E. 3, Notts C. 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
Tottenham 0, Huddersfield 0
Wolves 2, Aston V. 0

Division III (South)
Bristol C. 2, Reading 0
Crystal P. 0, Port Vale 0
Exeter 2, Bath 0
Ipswich 2, Newport 0
Notts C. 0, Bristol R. 0
Plymouth 2, Millwall 0
Southend 0, Oxford U. 0
Torquay 4, Aldershot 0
Walsall 1, Leyton 0

Division III (North)
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
Barrow 0, York C. 0
Bradford 2, Widnes 0
Darlington 1, Lincoln 0
Gateshead 1, Bradford C. 0
Huddersfield 0, Carlisle 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
Stockport 2, Tranmere 0
W. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
N. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
Oxford U. 0, Aldershot 0
Torquay 4, Aldershot 0
Walsall 1, Leyton 0

Division IV
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
Barrow 0, York C. 0
Bradford 2, Widnes 0
Darlington 1, Lincoln 0
Gateshead 1, Bradford C. 0
Huddersfield 0, Carlisle 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
Stockport 2, Tranmere 0
W. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
N. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
Oxford U. 0, Aldershot 0
Torquay 4, Aldershot 0
Walsall 1, Leyton 0

Division V
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
Barrow 0, York C. 0
Bradford 2, Widnes 0
Darlington 1, Lincoln 0
Gateshead 1, Bradford C. 0
Huddersfield 0, Carlisle 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
Stockport 2, Tranmere 0
W. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
N. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
Oxford U. 0, Aldershot 0
Torquay 4, Aldershot 0
Walsall 1, Leyton 0

Division VI
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
Barrow 0, York C. 0
Bradford 2, Widnes 0
Darlington 1, Lincoln 0
Gateshead 1, Bradford C. 0
Huddersfield 0, Carlisle 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
Stockport 2, Tranmere 0
W. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
N. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
Oxford U. 0, Aldershot 0
Torquay 4, Aldershot 0
Walsall 1, Leyton 0

Division VII
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
Barrow 0, York C. 0
Bradford 2, Widnes 0
Darlington 1, Lincoln 0
Gateshead 1, Bradford C. 0
Huddersfield 0, Carlisle 0
Sheff. Wed. 2, Notts C. 0
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Oxford U. 0, Aldershot 0
Torquay 4, Aldershot 0
Walsall 1, Leyton 0

Division VIII
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
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Darlington 1, Lincoln 0
Gateshead 1, Bradford C. 0
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N. Brighton 0, Grimsby 0
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Walsall 1, Leyton 0

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Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
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Division X
Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
Barrow 0, York C. 0
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Accrington 0, Mansfield T. 0
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Barrow 0, York C. 0
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Cables in Brief

Dr. E. Weizmann, former Director of the International Labour Office in Geneva, died in London yesterday at the age of 71. He was Minister at the British Embassy in Washington from 1923 to 1926.

QUAIRO — Francois Lacoste, 31-year-old farmer's wife, gave birth to four premature boys at St. Lys, France, yesterday. She has three other children.

Western Air Forces Need Strengthening

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UPI). — The Western ground forces if called upon to fight would be without the protection afforded by command of the air, said General Carl Spaatz, former U.S. Air Force Chief-of-Staff, in an article published here today.

The ratio of casualties between the U.N. and Communist forces in Korea would be reversed in a Western European war because of Russia's air dominance, he added.

He revealed that the U.S. would only have the equivalent of a 50-group air force by June, 1952, instead of the anticipated 95. General Spaatz criticized the Western Defense planners for thinking in terms of "wall of flesh" strategy instead of building a strong inter-continental bombing force.

He said that the present debate over the number of European ground forces was "more a diplomatic than a military argument," but agreed that General Eisenhower should get as many troops as he needed in order to encourage the European nations to build up their own forces.

Bigger Tax Deduction For Children in New Budget

By the time the new budget is presented, the tax deduction for children will be increased to 10 percent, it was announced today.

The voting on the income tax amendments was tense. There were motions by Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut), Mr. Israel Rokach (General Zionists), Mr. Heri Rappaport (Mapam), Mr. Hanna Landman (Orthodox), Mr. D. Z. Pincus (Progressive) and Mrs. Rachel Kagan (Wizo) who proposed more liberal reforms. These included the increase of basic allowances and family allowances, deductions for students, the lowering of maximum rates, greater allowances for charities, separate returns for wives, greater deductions for working wives and women who help in their husband's business.

Had the forces which defeated the Government in February combined to pass any one of these measures, they would have upset the whole budget. Finance Minister Ezer Weizman estimated that the amendments proposed by Dr. Rokach would cost the Government by IL12,000,000. Mr. Rokach's by IL5,000,000 and the Mapam proposal by IL4,000,000.

Mapam held a caucus during a brief intermission in the morning before the voting and some members argued that it should be unpopular to oppose these reforms on the eve of elections.

But none of the reform measures turned out to be a real threat. A motion by Mrs. Rachel Kagan for the abolition of the limit on the number of dependents for whom deductions may be claimed came closest to adoption, and was defeated by 43 votes to 34. A proposal by Mr. Rokach to increase the basic deduction to IL300 also received considerable support, but Mapam obtained its favour by raising the allowance only for tax-payers in the lower income bracket.

In any case, it appeared that Mapal had a clear majority on the floor, and might be considered a majority, they were fully represented except for a few members in hospital or abroad, whereas the Mapam, Herut and Orthodox benches were half empty.

After the defeat of the opposition, Mr. Kagan announced that some of them appeared reasonable and might be considered when the annual budget is discussed. If they are then passed, they would be retroactive from April 1.

Once the income tax question was disposed of, the going became easier. The atmosphere became less tense as it appeared certain that the estimates would pass despite the break-up of the coalition.

There was another dramatic moment, however, when a conflict within the Cabinet

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Estimates Top IL 78 Million

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The refugee problem must replace general discussion. The Report reiterated the Commission's previous statement of October 22, 1946, to the effect that "of all the problems raised by this (Palestine) crisis, the refugee question is the one demanding the most urgent solution."

The Refugee Office, it was stated, was established at a meeting in Beirut on January 25. Mr. Holger Anderson, a former member of the Danish parliament and an expert on population movement, was later appointed Head of the Office at the suggestion of the Commission. He is expected to take up his duties at the beginning of May. The Commission, on February 5, asked its General Committee, composed of the deputies of the three Commission members, to formulate a policy for the Refugee Office. The members of the staff of the Commission's Committee of Experts on Compensation were chosen as the nucleus of the Office's staff. Pending Mr. Anderson's arrival, the Commission commenced factual studies, especially in the field of compensation.

Close Cooperation

The achievement of close and continuing liaison between the Commission and the U.N. Forces and Relief Agency was reported as the result of several meetings in Beirut and Jerusalem between representatives of the two bodies. Agreement was reached as to the respective roles of the two bodies in the problems of reintegration, repatriation, and the payment of compensation. The Commission work on the problem of blocked accounts was also recorded.

The Commission "believes that every positive result obtained in the field of the refugee problem will bring it nearer to achieving agreement between the governments and authorities concerned either with the P.E.C. or directly with a view to the final settlement of all questions outstanding between them," the Report concluded.

U.S. JEWRY TO PLANT 5 MILLION TREES

NEW YORK, Wednesday. (INA). — American Jews will plant five million trees in the Forest of the Martyrs, Congressmen Emanuel Celler, Chairman of the National Advisory Board of the Jewish National Fund, announced here today.

The first million trees have already been pledged by American Jewish organizations, he added.

General Zionists Called 'Only Socialists in Haifa'

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Haifa Municipal Council was surprised yesterday by the demand of Mr. S. Pelly (General Zionists) for the municipal ownership of the town's public utilities, including transportation and electricity. "We seem to be the only Socialists here," he said, commenting on the fact that nobody else had made such a suggestion.

The Council this evening ended the general debate on the 1951-52 budget proposal and sent it to the Finance Committee. Upon its adoption, expected in a fortnight, the Council will study the development budget.

Speakers of all parties were unanimous in demanding a thorough reform of municipal taxation and an increased Government grant for the new budget.

Mr. D. Shalom (Mapai) called for a budget that guided the new immigrants toward productive occupations rather than subsistence on shops and kiosks; for more trade education facilities and for improved services for tourists.

Expulsion Halts Peace Feast

The scheduled peace feast between Yusuf Abu Ghosh and his cousin, Abdul Salim Abu Ghosh, was cancelled abruptly yesterday following the sudden expulsion of Abdul Salim's 20-year-old sister by the police.

The feast had been arranged at Abu Ghosh, near Jerusalem, to settle the feud which existed between the cousins and which had resulted in the killing of Abdul Salim's father.

Relatives of the woman, who has a child, claim that she had been in Abu Ghosh for two years and that "discrepancies with Israeli authorities" had been under way to obtain permission for her to remain. The child was not found and is reportedly being hidden in the village.

According to a police statement, the woman had entered illegally about a month ago and had been sought ever since.

RETURNED BY LEGION
Haim Stern, 32, of Be'er Sheva, was returned to Israel yesterday by the Arab Legion at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem. He crossed the lines by using three weeks ago on Mt. Zion where he had gone to pray.

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U.K. Arms Workers To Refuse Overtime

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuters). — Several thousand workers in four British armament factories have decided that beginning tomorrow they will refuse overtime work, a government spokesman said here today. He declared that this action would slow down the rearmament effort.

Plants affected are the Arsenal at Woolwich and Royal Ordnance factories at Nottingham, Wigan and Radway Green in northwest England. These factories produce guns, ammunition and tank components.

The object of the ban, which does not have union approval, is to press a claim for two weeks' annual paid holiday. At present the workers get one week. The Government is discussing the men's decision with their unions, chief of which is the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

A spokesman of the union said he understood the overtime ban would affect a number of factories in the country, including small arms and aircraft plants. The dispute had been going on for two or three years, he added. "The Ministry Supply had been in favour of granting the request in principle but said economic circumstances were 'not opportune'." The Ministry's last reply had been "No."

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LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday. (INA). — The average annual earnings of the people of the Middle East countries varies from \$40 per annum per capita to Israel's highest of \$389, according to an analysis in today's "Herald-Tribune."

The report adds that the Palestine hostilities cut Israel's commerce from 23 per cent of the Middle East total in 1946, to 10 per cent in 1948 and to nearly zero in 1949.

The report also reveals that in 1950, Jordan spent 32 per cent of her budget on defence, while Egypt spent 27 per cent, Iran 22 per cent, Iraq 22 per cent, and Lebanon 18 per cent. (Israel is to spend 25 per cent of her ordinary budget on defence in the coming year.)

23 PIONEERS DUE HERE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Wednesday. (INA). — A group of 23 halutzim left here for Israel today to join a kibbutz in the Negev. They are the fourth group of halutzim from Brazil to emigrate in the last two years.

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150,000 Iran Jews Fearful of Future

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. (ITIM). — The 150,000 Jews of Iran are fearful of a fate similar to that which has overtaken the Jews of Iraq, said here today upon his return from a visit to Iran on behalf of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Many Jews from small villages were trekking to Tehran in the hope of speedy transport to Israel, he said. The Joint, however, did not have sufficient funds to deal with all those in need.

The news of wholesale expropriation over the Iraqi border only increased the fear, Rabbi Brickner said. Upon his return to the U.S. he would report to Senate and Congressional leaders what he had seen on his journey, he said.

Iraq Law On Confiscation

The law freezing the property of Iraqi Jews who relinquish their citizenship to immigrate to Israel has been made public by Iraq. The nine-paragraph law, which was gazetted on March 10 and was signed by the Minister of the Interior, was published yesterday in the Amman daily "Al Urdun."

The most important paragraphs of the law are:

1. "Punks" are to mean the immovable property of any person whose Iraqi citizenship has been forfeited, or any property in his possession in the form of securities, rates, mortgages, or otherwise, or their cash value.
2. All such funds are to be frozen and are not to be disposed of in any fashion from the date of publication of this law, except in accordance with special ordinances regarding their disposition:

- a) All persons who violate this law and special ordinances promulgated in accordance with it will be subject to two years' imprisonment or a fine of 4,000 dinars, or both;
- b) This sentence is in addition to any other sentence which may be imposed for damage suffered by the state by violation of this law;

Appeals in individual cases must be made within one month to the Minister of the Interior, whose decision will be final.

Celler Asks U.S. To Stop Aid to Iraq

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. (INA). — Congressman Emanuel Celler yesterday urged Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, to stop U.S. financial aid to Iraq because of her treatment of her Jewish subjects.

Girl, 11, Sues for Diamond Mother Gave to Friend

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A suit by an 11-year-old orphan from Warsaw for the return of a diamond ring or IL4,000 compensation began in the District Court here today. The suit is against a local resident who had allegedly been entrusted with the stone by the girl's mother.

The plaintiff, Sylvia Wisoducki, is being represented by her aunt, Mrs. Ita Millinbach, her guardian. Mrs. Millinbach told the Court today that the mother had told her about the diamond shortly before her death in 1943.

The defendant, Mr. Arieh Goldkorn, had promised to hide the diamond in a dental cavity and transfer it to Warsaw for the mother, the witness said. When he arrived in Warsaw, he told the mother that he had sold the diamond for \$200, but would repay her five-fold after the war, the witness added.

The defendant has filed a reply saying that the diamond was given him in gratitude for saving the deceased and her child in Bialistok once. He had nevertheless given her \$400 for the stone after having sold it for \$200. The rest of the allegations were untrue, the defendant states.

Mirzakis Charged

Yakov Mirzakis, sentenced to death for murder on Monday, and his brother Yitzhak, imprisoned under the supervision of the Minister of Social Welfare for the same offence, have been charged, together with Nissim Ben Abraham Ravivo, with the premeditated murder of Yitzhak Ben Pinhas Levy. He was allegedly murdered by the three accused about February 23, 1950.

The preliminary inquiry will be opened in April 4, before Acting Chief Magistrate M. Peretz.

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Forecast: Rain in the early morning which will be followed by partial dispersal of clouds. A heavy rain shower is expected in the afternoon, which may develop into rain.

At 8:00 p.m. at the Lydda Airport, the second week in succession without a change.
The drawing of the second series of "Lucky Seven" will take place at 10 a.m. next Thursday at the Onel Shani Hall in Tel Aviv.

Nearly 9,000 eggs being transported without permit were found in a truck on the Lydda-Gadera road yesterday. The eggs were confiscated and the driver detained.

Mrs. Nettie Katzenstein-Gut, of Zurich, is expected to arrive on Tuesday and would like to meet all youth Aliya graduates of the Schweizer Hilfswerk fuer Emigranten-Kinder. Interested persons are asked to communicate with the Information Department of Youth Aliya, Jerusalem, telephone 4231.

Doctor to Be Tried For War Crimes

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — Dr. Pinhas Pshitzky, formerly of the Municipal Hospital here, was committed for trial in the District Court on war charges by the Magistrate, Mr. C. Waldman, here today.

The accused was committed on charges of turning over 120 persons for cremation and for turning over children for execution by the Nazis. Dr. Pshitzky was also committed on charges of maliciously causing the death of three youths and their father, and two other persons. Several charges of betrayals and causing death by injections were dropped for lack of evidence. In the course of the preliminary inquiry 24 witnesses were heard against the accused.

Meat for Passover

BUENOS AIRES, Wednesday. (INA). — An important shipment of meat for Passover left for Haifa today aboard the Argentine vessel, Rio Gallegos, under the terms of the Argentine-Israel Trade Agreement.

On its Argentina-bound voyage, the Rio Gallegos carried a first shipment of 20,000 cases of Shaputi oranges which arrived "in good condition" and were excellently received, according to the "La Tarde" - Argentine Corporation Ltd. The orange shipments arrived under the trade agreement and negotiations are reportedly under way for the export to Argentina of books, chemical products and artificial teeth.

Ration News

Jerusalem, March 23. (from Israeli Press). — The Ministry of Food Distribution, 800 P.O. Box, Jerusalem, has announced the following rationing schedule for the week of March 23 to 29, 1951:

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Meat for Passover: 24 kilos meat and 200 grams meat meal. Fat 20 400 grams. Local carp: 150 grams. Shrimp/Gelatin: 20 visitors: 20; tourists: "milk products"; 4; distribution in zone 3 ends Friday. Eggs: children to 18, 6; Rest 18. Bananas: 500 grams. Fat 25; visitors: 27; tourists: 4; distribution ends Sunday in zone 1-3. Tomatoes: 150 grams. Tel. 311. Meat rationing, distribution in regular stations.

Beginning Sunday, when the ordinance against night baking will go into effect in the Haifa and Samaria districts, bread and pastries will be distributed only after 8 o'clock on Sunday mornings.

The Bank Street branch of the Food Section of the Ministry of Agriculture will be closed to the public today and tomorrow.

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THE "Palestine problem" has come a long way toward solution since Dr. Bunche helped to negotiate the truce that ended the fighting in Israel in 1948.

The ninth progress report of the Palestine Conciliation Commission to the Secretary General of the U.N. on the steps being taken for the resettlement of Arab refugees, published today, gives hopeful evidence that the end of the "problem" may now be in sight. It has taken almost three years for the Arab states to reconcile themselves to the fact that this country cannot take back the refugees in countries that refuse to make peace with Israel. It has taken almost three years for the same Arab states to abandon the idea of letting refugees rot demonstratively in their camps in order to use their wretched condition as a means of bringing pressure to bear upon Israel, and of keeping enmity alive.

The task before the new office to be set up in Jerusalem is enormous, for the numbers of the refugees run into hundreds of thousands; thousands have died, and more thousands have been born in the camps. Thousands have succeeded in penetrating into the normal economy of the countries in which they are sheltering, but many more thousands who never came from Palestine have, in the course of the three years, drifted into camps because even the minimum standard of life there is often higher than that in the surrounding deserts.

The Arab Levant has not the traditions of land settlement or of devoted public service that have made it possible to settle the stream of newcomers in Israel which, in a tiny area and with a skimpy budget, has succeeded in three years in absorbing immigrants comparable in number to the refugees from Palestine. The Deputy Director of the new Refugee Office starts out with the advantages of large tracts of undeveloped agricultural land not only in Syria but in the other Arab countries as well, and with a world market hungry for the food and cotton that the refugees can be helped to produce. He will no doubt have noted Israel's announcement of its account with Iraq for the property of Jews frozen there. But it must be borne in mind that in the long run, when the resettlement schemes succeed, it is the Arab states themselves, and not the refugees only, who will benefit, and they would be short-sighted indeed not to make the most of this opportunity for major development schemes.

THERE is something especially ludicrous in tombs out of their proper context. Even Mozart's "Don Giovanni" suffers in tension from the fact that a statue upon a tomb is made to invite itself to supper with the hero.

TOES UP

When tombs occur in fiction, they can provide the scene of a tremendous battle, as in Fielding's "Tom Jones," where the dauntless Molly Seagrim routs her enemies by hurling headstones at them, or provide the atmosphere for a neat change of personality in the hero, as in Walter de la Mare's "The Return." Strange adventures in catacombs or tombs are always popular, even Axel Munthe saw fit to put on record an account of coffin-raiding in a journey. Rachmaninoff was inspired to compose one of his preludes by the thought of a man, who had been supposed dead, waking in his coffin and knocking on the lid to no avail, unfortunately. After the recent tanker explosion in the port of Genoa, an Irish seaman who had been overcome by fumes woke up to find himself "on a marble slab in a white, dimly-lit mortuary." Hardly surprising that he shouted for his shipmate and then went off in a dead faint.

U.K. PARLIAMENTARIANS GUESTS OF PRIME MINISTER



Guests of the Prime Minister at the Royal Drawing Room in London on Tuesday evening (seated from right to left around the table) Viscount Samuel, Mr. Ben Gurion, Mr. Y. Spilanski, Mr. L. Ben-Zur, Mr. J. Burg, Mr. J. H. Hays, Mr. Moshe Shertok, Mr. P. H. Hays, Mr. W. G. Hall, Mr. Ben Gurion and Mrs. Hays-Bellina. Photo: S. Shapira.

Moslem Revolt in Indonesia

By O. M. Green

LONDON — THE large attack started by the Indonesian Government with 27 battalions of troops against the extremist Moslem organization Dar Ul Islam indicates the difficulties under which the new State is labouring. It is faced with the armed opposition of numerous bands of outlaws, some of them clearly political opponents with their own plans of how the United States of Indonesia should be governed; others indistinguishable from mere bandits who stick at nothing in the way of violence and plunder.

Of the former group the Communists appear to be less powerful, at any rate less feared, than formerly. A very different proposition is the Dar Ul Islam, which recently has extended its control over most of West-Central Java. Except for a small number of Christians, all Indonesians are Moslems. There are three main Moslem political organizations — the Masjumi, which supports the Government and is represented in it; the Serikat Islam Indonesia, whose principal cry is "Social Reform" working by constitutional means; and Dar Ul Islam.

Descended from various ultra-Islamic societies of many years ago, the Dar Ul Islam stands for the reshaping of Indonesia as a purely Islamic State, and in the past five years it has been intermittently conspicuous as an opponent of the Republican policy. It is inaccurate, however, to describe the Dar Ul Islam as a body of terrorists. On the contrary, where its power has

been extended, it has won popularity among the peasants by suppressing the bandits and maintaining order. Just for this reason it appears to be the most dangerous of the Government's antagonists. The groups of bandits are mainly fragments of the former Republican armies, which the Dutch always maintained were more interested in looting than in Indonesia's independence. The Republican Government has now discovered the truth of this charge. It is hampered by the weakness of the provincial officials, many of them men who had to be rewarded with jobs for the support they gave to the Republican revolution. Some are notoriously venal, others are afraid of a bullet in the back if they try to stamp out the too numerous murders and lootings that occur. In December and January, 14 Dutch people and an unknown number of natives were murdered in East Java and Sumatra and no one was brought to justice.

Elusive Bandits
Banditry is so widespread and in the nature of the country so elusive that it might baffle a much more strongly equipped Government than the present Government of Indonesia. The latter's problem is aggravated by the fact that there are still huge stocks of Japanese arms scattered about the country. Liberal offers of amnesty and regular employment have been made to the bandits if they will surrender their weapons, but with very poor results.

It must be said that the Indonesian Government has been politically unwise in its treatment of the Ambones. When the revolt in Ambon

(the result of local dissatisfaction with the island's position in the United States of Indonesia) occurred last autumn, the Government rejected the powerful appeals of the United Nations Commission to accept mediation, and invaded Ambon in force. If the U.N. Commission's advice had been taken the Government might now have had the help of four or five thousand Ambonese in crushing the terrorists in Java, and the Ambones are the best fighters in Indonesia. As it is, these men, formerly part of the Dutch army, are being shipped to Holland, where they are in no way wanted.

Government Praised
In this dispiriting picture one brighter feature stands out consoling. Both the Dutch and British merchants trading in Java and Sumatra agree in praising the merits, the sincerity of purpose, and in some respects the success of the Indonesian Government.

Its difficulties are the inevitable outcome of the years of Japanese invasion and turmoil in which it was born. Yet trade returns are by no means unflattering. Rubber production is practically back to pre-war level. The export of tea, though still much below that of old days, rises steadily. Last December it is stated to have reached 3,450 tons. Production of copra, tapioca, palm oil, and now even petroleum is on the upgrade.

The Government has had to go without the foreign investments, especially from America, on which it had counted, and its indebtedness to the Java Bank, which has been increasing for several months, has reached an uncomfortably high figure. OFNS Copyright

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MANY people will have shared our satisfaction at seeing the great upward sweep of income tax receipts in Israel, having previously shared our old suspicion that we were paying practically all the government's tax income ourselves. From Chicago comes a report now of a man

in the cost of running their services that has taken place over the past three years. Indeed, when you consider their statement that the price of vehicles has gone up sevenfold, petrol three-fold, spare parts now cost "700%" of a figure for 1939 that is not revealed, and even licences cost eight times as much as in that year, it is hard to understand how they manage to carry on at all. When you further consider that prices have risen by only 50 per cent on an average, one can only come to the conclusion that in 1939 the bus company could easily have paid five mils bonus to anybody willing to come for a ride.

WE had occasion earlier this week to refer to the late Mr. Shenkin, who found the name "Tel Aviv," and for whom a street has long been named in that city as an appropriate quid pro quo. The other story which attaches to his name is concerned with the fact that he was always known as "Menahem Mendel the third." If anybody asked why, they learned that it was because Menahem Mendel Usishkin, founder of the Keren Kayemet, was, of course, the "first" Menahem Mendel. Then, who was the second? There wasn't one, like there was no Napoleon II, either, the answer runs.

A FINE problem in public relations arose the other day in a trip by taxi from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. A very sporty old gentleman, all dressed up with a red carnation, a beret and a walking stick, took his seat in the car. After him came an equally well-dressed younger man, in tweeds. The old gentleman

made himself comfortable, settled his inevitable brief case, lovingly fondled a cigar which he took from his breast pocket, lit it and started to smoke with obvious enjoyment. Meanwhile the car had started and the tweedy gentleman in the back started up in surprise when the smoke of the

cigar was wafted back to him. He tapped the old gentleman on the shoulder and asked him kindly to stop smoking as he was allergic to cigar smoke. The old gentleman was horrified. "Why, I've just lit it," he exclaimed, "and if I put it out it will be ruined." Both appealed to the other travellers, but for once everyone remained neutral. The old man was torn between a natural good neighbourliness and his enjoyment of the cigar. The tweedy man did not want to force the issue, but he was really feeling very sick. Finally the tweedy man asked if the other would be willing to sell him the cigar for 200 prutah. The deal was made, and the cigar pitched into the Judean hills. The old gentleman then turned to his neighbour with a delighted giggle. "My wife never lets me smoke," he said, "and she'll be very pleased when I give her the money I got for a gift cigar." The other man said that an effective headache cure was a bargain at the price.

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Readers' Letters

HONOURING TEL AVIV

To the Editor of The POST — Sir, — In addition to a monument to honour the Founders of Tel Aviv, a few practical suggestions might make our city nicer, brighter, and more dignified: Eliminate traffic jams by turning Jaffa-Tel Aviv, Salameh, Nahlat Benyamin and Herzl into one way streets. Insist on more service from the bus companies; instead of crowding 30-40 people in one bus make it forbidden for more than six persons to stand.

The population of Tel Aviv could show more respect for their city fathers if they ate fewer nuts and shouted less in the cinemas and streets. An evening university with popular courses in history and literature, etc., would indeed be a great tribute to the first modern city in Israel.

Yours, etc.,
DORON UR
Tel Aviv, March 23.

Points From Letters

POPULAR LOAN. — The Treasury did not consider it necessary to inform the public about the drawing of the Popular Loan on March 8, and about its moving from the Habimah to some other place. All drawings in the future should be held in public and after previous notice to the public.

Haifa, March 13. Irene Wund

INCREASE NEEDED TO BALANCE BUDGET Austria's Deficit Despite U.S. Aid

By Richard Mowrer

VIENNA — AUSTRIA is about to confront the United States with an unpleasant surprise. This is that their economic aid under the Marshall Plan is insufficient and will have to be increased by approximately 25 per cent if an economic and political crisis conducive to the spread of communism in this country is to be averted. The aid news will probably be aired at the scheduled meeting this month of the European Payments Union and Organization of European Economic Cooperation in Paris.

Deficit of Millions
A preliminary indication of what's coming is the fact that Austria has already utilized most of its \$30,000,000 allotment of indirect aid through the E.P.U. for the fiscal year July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951. Competent sources estimate that by April 1 Austria will have absorbed in nine months what was supposed to last for twelve. Consequently the Austrian government is preparing to ask the United States (via E.P.U.) for an additional \$35,000,000 or so in indirect aid to carry the country through the last quarter of the fiscal year, that is, up to July 1. According to Austrian sources

the amount of direct aid this country is getting through the Marshall Plan is short of essential requirements too, up to the value of \$20,000,000. Total Marshall Plan aid for Austria in 1950-51, direct and indirect, amounts to over \$157,000,000.

Having observed with increasing alarm Austria's heavy drain of its O.E.E.C. credit the other members of the organization are beginning to ask questions. So far Austria has offered no official explanation. Meanwhile, the inescapable fact is that unless America helps Austria out of its newest economic predicament there will be serious trouble here. Austria will not be able to purchase the commodities it needs to keep the standard of living from slumping; the raw materials shortage will get worse for lack of dollars; factories will have to close down; export trade will dwindle and unemployment will rise. By early summer Austria would be in full crisis and a situation would have arisen which the communists and the Russians would not fail to exploit to their own ends.

Blaming the West
Austrian financial circles attribute this country's heavy drain on its O.E.E.C. allotment to the sharp price rise of raw materials resulting from the

Korean war and the Western world's rearmament programme. This explanation probably will be the core of Austria's argument for more aid. It may be accompanied by two more: that for geographical reasons little Austria is not as viable economically as most other countries; and that Russian military occupation drains away a part of the national economy, notably the oil resources in the Soviet zone. These last two arguments would not apply, however, as they were taken into account when Austria's share of E.R.P. aid was decided upon. Actually Austria is getting more aid per capita than any other country.

Prices Near
While soaring world prices are doubtless largely responsible for Austria's present plight this explanation may not be considered quite good enough by the countries making up O.E.E.C. They and the United States are tightening their belts and contributing in various ways to the defence of the free world against threatened Soviet aggression, whereas Austria is not. It is true that Austria is pretty well neutralized by continued Four Power military occupation and cannot be expected to take sides in the East-West conflict so long as the Russians are here. On the other hand there is no sign that this country is considering ways and means of eliminating its reliance on E.R.P. aid.

Cooperatives Seek Aid Abroad

By Eugene Kamenka

PLANS being carried out by the Israeli cooperative movement to attract members and money from abroad have reached the stage where a special office will shortly be opened in New York by the "Merkaz Hakoopeziyah," the central organization established by the Histadrut to care for cooperative affairs. The new plans provide for three fields of activity:

a) the organization abroad of cooperative groups, which will bring with them to Israel the machinery they require;

b) the placing of individual members with existing cooperatives, who will bring with them some equipment;

c) the attracting of foreign capitalists to invest in joint enterprises with cooperatives.

Explaining the scheme to this correspondent, Mapai Knesset Member Shraga Goren, one of the founders of the "Merkaz Hakoopeziyah," explained that one of the main difficulties facing cooperatives today was obtaining machinery and equipment, for which foreign currency was required. "During the last two years," he said, "the cooperative movement has expanded tremendously. Of the 400 cooperative enterprises in Israel, 300 were generally on a smaller scale. But we still need more skilled hands, and above all — we need machinery."

Fear of Insecurity

"My recent visit to America, in August," he continued, "showed me that the interest was there. I was approached time and again by people who were interested in founding or joining cooperatives in Israel. The only thing they feared was insecurity and our main task was to give such immigrants a definite plan on which to base their decision."

Mr. Goren explained the plan briefly.

"We will encourage groups of from five to six people or more, who are interested in forming a cooperative, and people in one industry in the who possess a minimum of U.S. in the same industry in

\$3,000 each. With our advice they will be able to purchase with this money all the equipment they need from abroad. The Merkaz Hakoopeziyah will secure them a site in Israel and aid them to obtain further loans for working capital. Meanwhile, before they immigrate, we encourage the members of such groups to work in similar enterprises to learn working methods and problems. Most important of all, to those members who are able to add another \$1,500 or so, we are able to guarantee housing in the cooperative housing schemes immediately on their arrival.

"The idea has been popular.

For example, one group in America on their own initiative began to organize a cooperative for making machine parts and tools. They bought machinery and went to work in the U.S. to gain experience. They are expected to arrive here in March or April."

For single persons who wish to join an existing cooperative, the scheme is similar. They are accepted into some suitable cooperative, and instead of paying the usual entrance money, bring with them their equivalent value in whatever machinery or equipment the cooperative may require from abroad.

Tied Vote

Mr. Goren was also satisfied with the prospect of getting investments for joint enterprises. "During my trip to America I contacted people for three schemes, and successfully negotiated these investments for an amount totalling \$1,000,000. Of course, we were dealing with big capitalists — those who invest \$100,000 in Israel, generally have at least several hundred thousand more in America. But I believe that we will continue to get such investments."

"During my stay in America I used the project method more, who are interested in only — interested a group of forming a cooperative, and people in one industry in the who possess a minimum of U.S. in the same industry in

Israel — rubber workers in the rubber industry, textile manufacturers in textiles, and so on."

"The only thing," Mr. Goren added, "is that we must be straight with them. On one occasion, I advised the investors in a joint enterprise, to arrange that their vote should be a tied one. When they asked me why, I explained that it might happen later that one of them might decide to join the cooperative sector. They would then lose their 50 per cent interest, and as control was in our hands, they would suspect underhand dealing. They were grateful that I had warned them."

A New York Office

This is the scheme of the Merkaz Hakoopeziyah. An Israeli representative will be sent out soon to their New York office and the extension of the scheme to South America is already being considered. England, too, is expected to contribute, as well as South Africa and Australia.

The scheme will certainly bring in much-needed machinery, but it also provides security for the immigrant from the Western world. It gives him a clear plan of his future in Israel, and it can even solve his housing problem.

From the social point of view, it will give the cooperative movement and the whole country the advantage of groups who have not been thrown together accidentally, but who come from a similar background and have worked together for the same aim.

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